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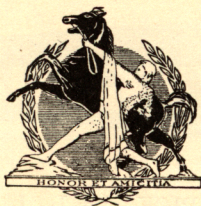
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KEEPING POSTED

THERE has been a deal of activity lately in the second-floor billiard room. The reason, of course, is the announcement of the Coronation Billiards and Snooker Tournaments, due to start on 27th April. Several stars of previous years, working on the theory that "practice makes perfect" have been spending more time than usual at the tables. A reminder: entries close on 7th April, at 3 p.m.

CONGRATULATIONS to a "first offender," George Fitzpatrick — it's a son! The baby's head was duly wet at a small party in his honour on the second floor.

THERE are, regrettably, several additions to the Sick List this month. First, Claude Moore, who will be away from his usual place on the Committee for a short while, during a stay in hospital for a minor operation. He has our particular good wishes for a quick recovery.

J. L. PICK and L. J. Hooker have both had brief spells in hospital, but are out now, and well on the mend. E. J. Millar was still in Gloucester House at the time of writing — hope to see him out and about soon.

S. O. BEILBY is another addition to the List — he is unwell, but should soon be with us again. On the other side of the ledger is news of Sam Peters — now fully recovered and almost ready to call the odds with all his usual verve and vigour.

RALPH THOMAS has been having a busy time, indeed — and looks as though he thoroughly enjoyed it. The reason, of course, was Country Bowls Week — a fine time for making new friendships and renewing old.

SOME people catch fish, some people catch nothing — and some people seem to catch only crabs. Ask Joe O'Sullivan about crabs — he's been catching them at Pittwater — two at a time.

SATURDAY, the 28th February, was the night of the Concert-with-Dancing in the Dining Room. It was a memorable night for the big crowd of members and their ladies who attended — grand entertainment and a deal of fun. Success of the night means there will probably be more.

FROM now until the end of May there will be a steady exodus of members who are fortunate enough to be able to go to London "to see the Queen" and watch the pageantry of the Coronation. Phil Roper is one who is on his way — he is officially accompanying the Premier of N.S.W., the Hon. J. J. Cahill. John Ruthven is another, expects to get away about the 28th of this month; and there will be many more.

GEORGE COOPER is off on a business trip to the U.S.A. and England — he might even be there at just about the right time.

EDITORIAL: Welcome Home

At this Easter season, country and interstate members of this club revisit their Sydney home, and to them the warmest welcome is extended.

Generally speaking, there should be little or no need for introduction, but when these occur, city men should avail themselves of the opportunity to make visitors feel they are members of the family.

Visitors, on their part, should make full use of the up-to-date facilities afforded by the club,

not for a particular season, but in season and out of season.

Their club should be their meeting place, and they should introduce friends, on occasion, as they are entitled to do.

This is your home away from home. Please make yourself at home.

The secretary is at your disposal to inform and to advise. Whatever he can do to add to the comfort and happiness of your sojourn he will do, promptly and with pleasure.

Happy Birthday to You!

MARCH

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| | 47 H. M. Abbott |

Members are invited to notify the Secretary of the date of their Birthday.

BOTH the Northern Colliery Proprietors' Association and the N.S.W. Combined Colliery Proprietors' Association seem to think that Ted Warren's the boy for them — anyway, both concerns have elected him their chairman for the fifth successive term. Born within sight of the mines at Broken Hill, Ted Warren joined J. & A. Brown Collieries as an office rouseabout, and ended up in an office with general manager on the door. Ted began his chairmanship in 1949, the year of the general coal strike, and had plenty more to worry him. Now he finds the going much easier, and no complaints about it.

THE two "Harry's" — Harry Moon and Harry Hayes — are having a fine run with their Delville Wood mare, Friendly Feeling . . . and it's rumoured that some of their friends are sharing their fortune. Friendly Feeling won again on Saturday, March 7th, at Warwick Farm in the Edensor Park Handicap, coming home particularly well to beat the outsider First Century by half-a-length. At the time of writing the mare is in the Sydney Cup, and it would be a fine culmination of the Harrys' fine season for her to take it.

FRIENDS of Jack Cameron, veteran trainer of New Zealand, best known for his success with *The Hawk* many years ago, will be pleased to know that he expects to be paying us a visit shortly.

ANOTHER visitor expected from N.Z. is A. D. Webster, who will arrive in May. A bowling enthusiast, Webster was owner-trainer in the past of several good performers in New Zealand — he has retired from his training activities now.

BECAUSE of their own and the Club's interest in promoting goodwill between Australia and America, Chairman John Hickey and Committeeman Frank Carberry were invited by the Australian-American Association to be present at a unique ceremony. They witnessed the laying of the foundation-stone in Canberra of the American Memorial — which, when finished, will be a fine and imposing monument to the gratefulness of Australians to their cousins on the other side of the Pacific for their aid in the war.

IT was a great day for Mel Lawton this Saturday, 15th March — and a great day for Great World, too. The aged gelding, which Mel manages for Singapore millionaire Runme Shaw, signalled his return to form by winning the Canterbury Park Cup handsomely from fancied Sir Pilot. It's rumoured that it was also a great day for some of Mel's friends — including Ken Fidden.

A FINE tribute to show the regard in which he is held, was the party given to W. W. Hill at The Australia. Some 600 guests, headed by His Excellency The Governor-General, Sir William McKell, and including many members of the Club, spent a thoroughly enjoyable evening to mark Bill Hill's retirement from Chairmanship of the S.T.C.

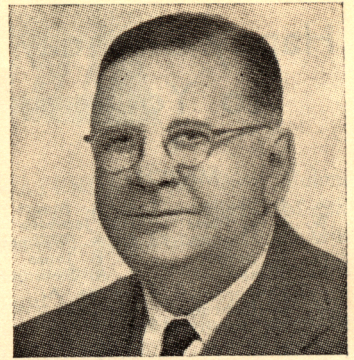
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Man of Many Friends

The Persian poet, Omar Khayyam, who was quite obviously a lover of good wines, once speculated what on earth vintners could buy "one half so precious as the goods they sell." If you are partial to a drop of Scotch, you might well echo the self-same sentiment about our good friend John Ruthven — for fifty-two years a member of the grand old firm of John Walker and Sons Ltd.



FOR John Ruthven, the sale of Johnnie Walker whisky has been a life work. And in case you should feel that the purveying of Scotch would be all leisure and pleasure and no work at all, let us hasten to say that John has worked, and worked hard — facing difficulties with courage, solving problems with honesty and integrity, so that his trade was better for his influence when the time came for him to retire.

He joined Johnnie Walker and Sons in 1896 — and that is a long time ago. First he was a boy in the Company's office; then he joined the 2nd N.S.W. Mounted Rifles and saw considerable service in South Africa during the sharp and bitter war with the Boers. Back in Australia after Federation, he rejoined the company, now considerably expanded. As a relieving traveller, he went on the road at a time when to be a travelling salesman was considerably more difficult than it is to-day. Travel was by ship or train; where there was no ship or train you went by buggy. You made sales, you

did a bit better than the other fellow because you made friends of your customers; you studied their needs, and you saw to it that your firm gave them the service they wanted. Selling was really selling in those days — there were no salesman's manuals of "how to do it," and your results showed up in your figures for your territory.

John Ruthven met, at one time or another, practically every publican in Australia. He did well wherever he was sent — and he was sent practically everywhere. Mr. N. H. Connolly, president of the U.L.V.A., at John's retirement dinner, said he was "the most travelled man in the trade" — and that was a compliment, indeed.

As the years passed, John Ruthven climbed the rungs of the ladder with his own company; first he was accountant, then in 1912 he was appointed assistant manager for Australia. In 1923 his name went up on the door of the big office — he became general manager for Australasia. He passed into very active retirement in 1948,

after fifty-two years with the one firm — a grand record.

But his record of success is far wider than his ability to persuade hotelkeepers to stock his particular brand of Scotch. When he first went on the road there were no trade associations and ethics were only as good as the people who made them. He played a major part in the formation of the Wine and Spirit Association of New South Wales, and served on the Committee for twenty-five years from 1923 onward. He was president or vice-president so many times he has lost count. But his influence on the Association, and, through his service with the Liquor Trades Council, on the trade as a whole, was a most beneficial one. One of his big services to the trade was his assistance in the formation of the Federal body, the Federated Wine and Spirit Association of Australia, of which he was President during his last year with Johnnie Walker.

When the time came for John to retire in 1948 and hand over the reins of management of his company to Mr. J. A. Herries, he received a series of send-offs which rarely fell to any man's

lot to experience. Recognising that his going marked the end of an epoch in their trade, the various Associations, both here and in Victoria, paid tribute to John's friendly influence with official dinners and many unofficial entertainments and mementoes. John Ruthven reaped in friendships what he sowed in friendliness.

Outside of work, John had a variety of activities. His wife joined him in many of his charitable endeavours, of which probably the most memorable was his organising of the drive for funds by the liquor trade for Anzac House. Several times he travelled to Scotland for his company, and saw the world on his way there and back.

Now that he has officially retired he is still travelling. Next Sunday, he leaves for England to "see the Queen," as a guest of the firm he served so long and well.

During the years, John has found time for tennis and golf. Now, of course, he is one of the stalwarts of Tattersall's Bowling Club.

And now that we have said a deal about what John Ruthven has done, a word about the man himself. If you believe that whisky mellows a man; if you believe that it tempers his judgment, sharpens his wit, heightens his intellect; if you believe, above all, that Scotch promotes friendliness and tolerance and understanding . . . then look for these qualities in John Ruthven and you will find them.

BOWLING NOTES



A Month of Good Games

Further matches in our Tuesday Trophy have been played with the following results:—

L. RICHARDS (City Tatts.) defeated V. Watson (N.S.W. Club), 16-15. R. Lindsay (E.S. & A. Bank) defeated J. Roles (Tatts.), 22-12. Macdonald (Insurance) defeated E. Nettheim (Lakes Golf), 24-19. Brady (A. & N.Z. Bank) defeated W. Bown (Tatts.), 27-19. L. Plasto (U.L.V.A.) defeated Hood (Woollahra Council), 28-15. J. Carlow (Millions) defeated T. Heath (N.S.W. Club), 23-12. C. Davis (Tatts.) defeated W. Lumley (Bank of N.S.W.), 23-17. H. McIntosh (Tatts.) defeated E. Jones (City Tatts.), 32-15.

An important match was played on February 10, when Ted Abbott and Ken Williams challenged Alan Turner and Jack Monro. A neck and neck battle took place over the full distance with Ted and Ken leading by two shots with one end to go. At this stage the heat was really on and the Toni Gul combination unwound a withering run to gain 3 shots. This left Alan and Jack winners by the narrow margin of one shot.

On February 2 we had an exciting game — 5 rinks aside — against Bondi, and were defeated by one shot.

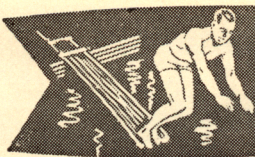
Details: Hathaway, Lett, Monro, Chatterton (T.), 28;

Whitfield, Deverall, O'Connell, Cooper (B.), 24. Mitchell, Hole, Gibbs, McDonald (T.), 22; Barr, Warne, Wilde, Amey (B.), 35. Bavinton, Turner, Ruthven, Barmby (T.), 17; Potts, Donald, Fallon, Kelly (B.), 27. Ball, Abbott, Williams, Read (T.), 35; Todd, Hurley, Mitchell, Granger (B.), 17. Totals: Tatts. 102, Bondi 103.

On February 12 we had a very enjoyable game at Kensington Club as the guests of Cinema Industries. They gave us a splendid afternoon and also a sound beating by 23 shots.

Details: Bavinton, Dewdney, Peters, Hill (T.), 19; Graham, Metcalf, Mays, Barmby (C.), 18. Lett, Silk, Monro, Booth (T.), 25; Gillespie, Wilson, Granger, Conson (C.), 18. Hole, Mitchell, Ruthven, McDonald (T.), 14; Sully, Higgins, Chivers, Hinton (C.), 22. Ball, Abbott, Turner, Williams (T.), 13; Drewett, Wakeham, Nix, Webster (C.), 19. Fay, McDowell, Jones, Cunes (T.), 12; Williams, Naget, Macpherson, Chessell (C.), 12. Totals: Tatts 83, Cinema 106.

Next month V.P. Charlie Young leaves for a trip to the old country. We wish Charlie all the best and look forward to seeing him fully restored to health on his return.



Training in Pool Helps Make Champions

Bob Harris, new member of the Swimming Club this season, halved the January-February Point Score with Stu. Murray by winning the last race of the series.

WITH a race to go he was four points behind Murray but with Sid Lorking as a partner he took the 80 yards Brace Relay Handicap whilst the best Murray could do was to place second in a heat.

In the previous event Bob had lost a second of his handicap by clocking 20.9 secs. for 40 yards, so his performance was a good one.

In the present Point Score contest, with two events to complete it, Bruce Chiene has put up a great performance in the first two events by dead heating for first in a 40 yards race and winning a Brace Relay with Fred Harvie as partner.

There is a great contest for the 1952-1953 Point Score, Stu. Murray having a point advantage over Peter Lindsay, whilst Bill Kirwan is eight points astern and going well. Fred Harvie is moving up the ladder in fourth place with Gordon Boulton. Trevor Barrell and Bruce Chiene all close up.

There is plenty of time for any of these swimmers to get to the front and a close contest in the finishing stages around June is sure.

Nobody wants Peter Lindsay as a fill-in partner in Brace Relays these days. In the last

two he has filled in for the missing partners of Trevor Barrell and Arthur McCamley, and the teams have swum third in a field of three and unplaced in four, respectively.

Sorry to learn that regular contestant, John Mills, has moved to Melbourne. John rarely missed a race up to Christmas, was going really well and enjoyed his racing. Hope he returns soon.

Bobbie Adams has been on deck lately and his races have shown him to be in good form. He has won heats in the last two events.

Since the last issue of the magazine the Australian Swimming Championships have come to a most successful end in Sydney and have brought forth two of the greatest swimmers Australia has produced in Jon Henricks and Gary Chapman.

Much has been written of the performances of these two lads but it is of interest to Tattersall's Club members that both state that they owe much of their wonderful form to the fact that they trained in our Pool during the winter by courtesy of the Club Committee.

We have the only indoor Pool in Sydney and the advantage of

being able to swim there in the off season is shown by the performances of the lads who formed the A.S.A. Coaching Class in 1952.

Statistics are often boring, but the following are most illuminating.

Of seventeen lads who participated, seven represented N.S.W. in the Australian championships and won between them six titles and gained three seconds and three thirds.

Just to show how the Winter training improved the swimmers is shown from the fact that Jon Henricks, who hitherto had been a distance swimmer whose best 110 yards was 60.3 secs., shattered all Australian records with a 57.2 secs. swim in the big event, a swim that was equal to about 56.9 secs for 100 metres against Clark Scholes' Olympic Record of 57.1 secs.

At 220 yards Henricks equalled Alex Jany's Australian record of 2-9.8, but it is pretty safe to say that if he had swam his race a week later he would have been a second, at least, better.

It is stated that Olympic record holder Scholes will swim in Australia in April and the clash between Henricks and him should be worth going miles to see.

Fifteen-year-old Gary Chapman beat the Australian 440 yds. record with a 4-42.6 effort against his previous season's

best of 5-24 and was second to Henricks at 220 yards in 2.12.5.

Bob Barry put up a record for a N.S.W. swimmer by taking the 110 yards Backstroke title in 1-9.7. Malcolm Swanson made an Australian Junior record of 1-13.3 in winning the Junior 110 yards Backstroke, Kevin Fitzpatrick won the 220 yards Butterfly Stroke title and Henricks and Barry were in the N.S.W. team which won the Medley Teams Championship.

In addition, Ron McKinnon was second in the 880 yards (10-24) and 1,650 yards (20-4.6) and third in the Junior 440 yards (5-58), whilst Goodwill was second in the 220 yds. Breaststroke and Barry was third in the 110 yards.

Those records speak volumes for the benefits obtained from the Winter period in Tattersall's Pool and both the lads, themselves, and the N.S.W.A.S.A. are sincerely grateful to the Club.

Results

3rd February — 40 yards Handicap:—1st Division: R. Harris (22), 1, S. Murray (25), 2, W. Kirwan (27), 3. Time 21.1 secs. 2nd Division: A. Stewart (22), 1, E. Bevan (27), 2, G. Boulton (23), 3. Time 20.9 secs.

10th February — 80 yards Brace Relay Handicap:—S. Lorking and R. Harris (45), 1, A. McCamley and C. Hoole (52), 2, P. Lindsay and T. Barrell (48), 3. Time 44.1 secs.

17th February—40 yards Handicap:—G. Goldie (36) and B. Chiene (23), 1, V. Thicknesse (23), 3. Times 35.1 and 22.1 secs.

24th February — 80 yards Brace Relay Handicap:—F. Harvie and B. Chiene (45), 1, J. O. Dexter and C. Hoole (46),

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HANDBALL



At the moment there is no Handball Competition in progress. The season concluded with Bruce Partridge's team winning the "Amounis Trophy" Teams Competition, and now the stage is set for our Annual Dinner and Presentation of Prizes on Wednesday, 18th March.

LOOKING back over the past year, it is gratifying to the Handball Club Committee that every competition arranged was successful, and I venture to say last season was probably the best Handball season ever conducted by the Club.

The Club Championships were keenly contested, George McGilvray again demonstrating that he is the top man in A Grade. Eddie Davis, Bruce Partridge, Peter Lindsay and others did their utmost to depose him, but to no avail, and George was again the "King of the Castle."

In the lower grades, Fred Harvie, who won the B Grade Championship, and young John Dexter both showed mighty improvement, and during next season will at least make McGilvray & Co. realise they have been playing, and I will not be surprised at any upset this pair may cause. Then also we saw such improved players as John Shaffran, Malcolm Fuller, Bill Kirwan and Eric Thompson. The enthusiasm and improvement by this quartet had to be seen to be believed. Added to these were such chaps as Sam Block, Zaide Lazarus, Edwin Penfold, Andy Magill, Peter Hill, George Goldie, Arthur McCamley, Mick Murphy, and a host of others, who play just for the fun of it, and make the competitions successful.

During the year we lost our Friend and Patron, Mr. Joe Matthews, but his memory has been kept fresh in mind by the "Win-

ooka Trophy." I believe that the Executors of Mr. Matthews' Estate would like us to carry on this competition as an annual affair, and it is nice of them to feel that way. However, we are certain that Joe Matthews would have been proud of Eddie Davis, the winner, and M. Sellen, who fought out the final of this, our most popular competition, apart from the Championships.

Last season we did not play in the Inter-Club Competition, as most of our players found it difficult to attend Sunday morning games, but we did entertain a number of friends from other clubs at a Handball night, which was enjoyed by one and all. This night culminated in a smashing game between Bruce Partridge and Steve Nolan, followed by some good fellowship on the second floor.

To wind up a successful year, the "Amounis Trophy" afforded great fun to all members who participated, resulting in a win for Bruce Partridge, Bill Kirwan and Edwin Penfold.

It is indeed pleasant to reflect that all these events went off with clockwork precision, and I cannot remember one word of dissension or one unsportsmanlike action in any of the Competitions. In fact, the motto of our Club — "Honor Et Amicitia" — was most worthily upheld at all times. I sincerely hope that next season will be just as successful and enjoyable.

Back Come the Irish Jumpers

Traditionally, Irish horses have been fine jumpers since the first wild crofter leaped on the back of the first wild Irish pony. Schooled over the wide stone walls that verge the Irish fields, they clear obstacles cleanly — or don't survive to jump again. Perhaps the same applies to their riders.

DURING the 1930's, Ireland's an international reputation for military jumping teams made fine horsemanship. Irish horse-

flesh and Irish Army riders scooped the pool of prizes from Berlin to New York and Toronto. Names like Finghin, Limerick Lace, Blarney Castle and Shannon Power were household words in show circles. The riders, too, O'Dwyer, Harty, Corry and Finlay, were known and respected wherever international jumping competitions were held. Now, again, during the past two or three jumping seasons, Irish horsemanship has recovered from its five war-time years of hibernation, and a new generation of men and animals is bringing admiration.

The resurgence of Irish horsemanship at shows in many parts of the world is explained quite simply by the men who ride them. The Army Equitation School carries out a long-term policy of training for men and horses, a careful weeding out of both, with careful, long and tedious hours of training by experts with great experience. Irish horses are good to begin with. They have the advantage of being hunted over the difficult terrain of Ireland. They are naturally "clever."

The School of Equitation in McKee Barracks, Dublin, was started in 1926 by the then Minister for Agriculture, Mr. Patrick Hogan. It was started for two main reasons. One, because the Royal Dublin Society was introducing military show jumping at its Spring and Horse Shows and because Ireland had to be represented among the nations

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KIA ORA

Breeding Ground of Champions

Seven miles from Scone (N.S.W.), in the centre of the rich limestone country of the Hunter Valley, Kia Ora, the breeding ground of champions, stretches for 2,650 acres across luscious grasslands and over well-sloped, stone-strewn hills.

WHERE Shannon and Amounis, Windbag, Delta and another Melbourne Cup winner, Statesman, cropped their first tufts of grass, to-day are running yearlings and foals which in future years may surpass even the great Kia Ora horses of racing history.

Kia Ora needs to produce a succession of speedy thoroughbreds. Were its sires and mares unsuccessful, were buyers at the annual yearling sales to shy from the Kia Ora drafts, the huge property, costing nearly £15,000 a year in upkeep, could

not flourish and continue as a breeding farm.

It might slip back to its original state, when Kia Ora, for years, was a cattle and sheep station. Then, one day, in 1915, Percy Miller, an influential fig-

This is the first of a series of articles with which it is hoped to cover all the main studs of the State — the nurseries of the racing thoroughbreds.

ure in the N.S.W. meat industry, conceived an idea as he looked

across his boundary fence into Segenhoe.

If Segenhoe can produce racing champions, why not Kia Ora? he asked himself.

The Page River irrigated both with the same lime-filled water. From identical soil grew the greens and the grass, laden with calcium, which would build good bone in racehorses.

So, in January, 1916, Percy Miller retrieved from Widden the five mares from which he was breeding as a hobby. On the advice of Richard Wootton, he bought a moderate stallion, Flip-pant. He installed as his manager, Bert Riddle, a young man wise in the ways of horses.

From this one brainwave, from this small seed planted in 1916, grew Kia Ora, to establish an influence on Australian racing which will last long after the present executors of the Miller estate have passed the property into other hands.

Kia Ora was rough when Bert Riddle stepped from a sulky and first looked across its broad acres.

It boasted only half a house, one big shed for general use, one shearing shed, and an old stone cottage built by convicts nearly 100 years earlier.

Its only fence was the one dividing it from Segenhoe. It had no bores or wells, and the main water supply came from the river as it flowed sluggishly to join the Hunter, miles to the east.

Riddle and his gradually-growing staff needed six years to

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A fine view of the countryside and homestead of Kia Ora.

—(Photo, courtesy "Sporting Life.")

KIA ORA—Breeding Ground of Champions

clear the timber and set Kia Ora in order, but by the time its first successful stallion, Magpie, was establishing its fame, Kia Ora had taken on some of the features which to-day make it a world-famous stud.

Magpie, bought for 5,000 guineas in 1919, set a standard which has been emulated in subsequent years by Pantheon, Constant Son, Demosthenes, Nassau, and to-day by Midstream (whose progeny have won £430,000), Agincourt, and the imported English horses, Channel Swell, Delville Wood and Brimstone.

Prewar, when manpower was plentiful and comparatively cheap, Kia Ora had 260 mares and eight stallions. To-day it has about 100 mares and six stallions. There are eight paddocks for mares and foals, a foaling paddock, and a series of 18 foaling pens.

If foaling complications arise, a mare can be treated with all the necessary medicaments in a specially-constructed shed, lit inside and out by electricity.

Sixty acres of Kia Ora are set in lucerne, and the stud grows all its green fodder. Throughout any long drought, it is practically self-supporting.

The head stud-groom, Ron Irwin, and his assistant, care for the stallions; other employees have a full day inspecting mares, foals and yearlings.

doing the hay-making, tending the four irrigation systems, making the shoes and shoeing the stallions.

During foaling season, at least one man is on duty every hour of every night, giving the necessary assistance to mares about to foal, and ready to raise Norman Wheeler immediately in case of mishap.

This system was set up by Bert Riddle, from whom Wheeler took the reins of management on Riddle's untimely death last year.

Kia Ora has no special veterinary hospital. Horses needing it get stall treatment. Minor work is done by Wheeler, but when serious trouble arises, V. E. H. Davis, veterinary adviser to Kia Ora for about 30 years, makes special trips from Sydney.

Norm Wheeler contends that, in about eight months from the time a foal is weaned until it is placed in the yearling sale-ring in Sydney, a breeder has to outlay £150 on the youngster for everyday feeding and expense. And the £150 does not include the feeding of the mare nor the upkeep of property and stallions.

Service fee of an established stallion ranges from 150 guineas to 300 guineas. A good mare is worth £3,000 to £6,000, so a breeder must secure a good

price for his yearlings to cover his costs.

A Kia Ora foal is taken from its dam when it is six and a half to eight months old, when it is given moist food, mainly bran, chaff, crushed oats, and at night, boiled barley.

The amount of feed is increased, of course, as the foal grows older and stronger, and so long as it is eating well, a colt or filly is given no veterinary overhaul.

At first sign of waning appetite, however, the youngster is inspected, so that any organic trouble can be detected quickly, and an immediate remedy applied.

Until they are ready to be taken to Sydney for sale, the Kia Ora colts never leave their 80 acres paddock. Fillies, however, are changed from one paddock to another every six weeks. One paddock for fillies is stony, which helps them develop strong, sound feet. The other is flat, grazing land.

For the first few months after service, mares roam the outer paddocks, but as the foaling time approaches they are brought closer to the foaling pens. A foal is cleansed and disinfected immediately after birth. If healthy, it is left to be nursed by its dam. Twenty minutes to half an hour after birth, the foal will struggle to its feet and start to suckle.



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Mares and foals are kept in the foaling pens for a few days, then are placed in small barley or oaten paddocks for nine to ten days, before joining the other horses.

Kia Ora's stallions, collectively worth close to £200,000, are a cross-section of thoroughbred temperament. Midstream, one of Australia's most famous sires, is quiet as an old mare. Agincourt is so docile that new grooms use him as a "trial horse" before graduating to handle the more lively stallions.

Channel Swell is a restless horse, inheriting his nervous uneasiness from famous sire, Tracery, prominent in his maternal

lines; one of his favourite habits is to roll like a puppy in any mud in the yards — a trait that scarcely endears him to his groom.

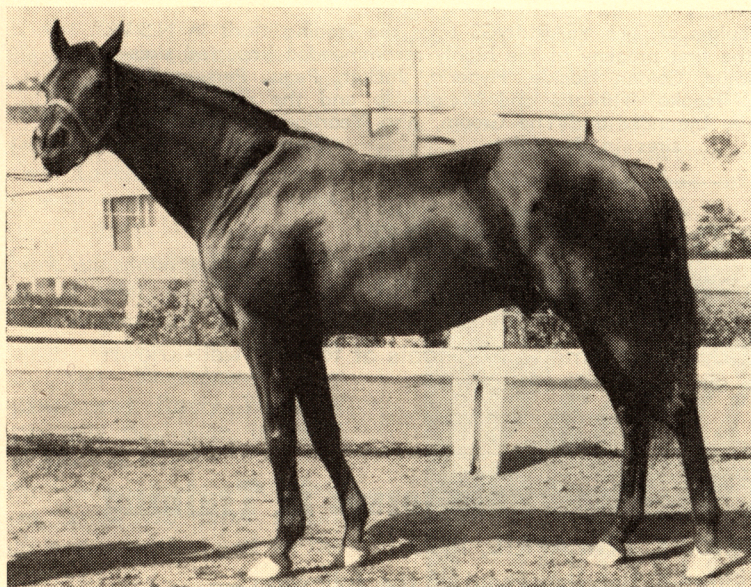
Delville Wood, most spectacular of the younger sires — he is only 11 years — is a "sneak" who will wait until an attendant or visitor is looking the other way, then take a sharp nip. Delville Wood bids fair to be one of Kia Ora's most successful sires ever. His progeny are now racing for their third season; their winnings placed him second in the list of sires in their second season, 1951-52 — a phenomenal record, bettered only by Valais, who topped the list

in his second season thirty years ago. Progeny of Delville Wood include Hydrogen, who won the Victorian Derby, two St. Legers and numerous W.F.A. races for owner E. R. Williams. Bush Chapel, Gallant Archer, and the two "Harry's" Friendly Feeling have all added to the record — and are still adding.

Brimstone, imported in 1950, has not yet had a chance to prove himself. By Dante from Tropical Sun, he ran six races for two wins in England, and is one of the first of Dante's progeny in Australia.

Kia Ora bred Shannon who, with £84,908, won more money than any Australian horse. It bred Amounis, third on the winning list with £48,297 and, too, it sent to the sale ring in 1928 Dominant (by Saltash from Weltea) who brought a record price of 6,750 guineas. The Kia Ora story is a story of horses and money — horses bought and sold for fortunes. Percy Miller, who died in 1948, made thousands from racehorse breeding. But he did much — and his executors are following it on — to improve Australia's thoroughbred standards.

Miller always thought less of his pocket than he did of the bloodhorse industry. He would risk big money on importing top-class sires from England — yet he would cut his losses rather than unload failures.



Delville Wood, outstandingly successful young Kia Ora sire.

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SUMMARY OF SPORTS TOPICS

in 60-second sketches

GOLF

AUSTRALIA'S best golf professionals will be matched against the strongest overseas invasion ever in this year's £5,000 McWilliam's Wines tournament.

The tournament will be played on the Australian Club course, Kensington, on March 19, 20, 21.

A record number of 173 players will compete, and for the first time in Australian golf the winner will receive a four figure cheque — £1,100.

In the four years the McWilliam's Wines tournament has been played, it has been won by Australian players.

Norman von Nida, stormy petrel of Australian professional golf, won first money in 1949, 1951 and 1952.

Quiet, unassuming Eric Cremin scored in 1950.

With Argentinian Roberto de Vincenzo, Italian Ugo Grappasonni and Englishman Max Faulkner and Harry Weetman in the field this year, it could be a different story.

The talent is more evenly balanced, and first prize money could be won with a putt on the last green.

Professional golfers are colourful characters.

Nearly all have some strange characteristic or mannerism.

Some of it is showmanship, but for the most part the eccentricities arise through the terrific tension present where big money is concerned.

Roberto de Vincenzo and Ugo Grappasonni are contrasting types.

De Vincenzo, who is 6 ft. 1 in. and weighs 14-0, avoids talking to a gallery.

Grappasonni will chat all the way around the course and in fluent English.

Grappasonni is 5 ft. 9 in., stockily built, and weighs 12 st.

Despite his silence, the 29-year-old de Vincenzo has mannerisms which will intrigue the gallery.

When he sinks a putt he has a habit of lifting the ball out of the hole with his putter and balancing it on the blade — quite a feat.

Prominent member of the organising committee of the tournament, Mr. Fred Sommerville, says that de Vincenzo is sure to please Australian galleries. He says that de Vincenzo, one of the longest and most accurate hitters of a golf ball, has an amazingly short backswing.

RACING

TWIN yearlings will be offered for auction at Sydney's Easter sales.

Twins are a rarity in racing bloodstock breeding.

Curiously enough, the mother's name of the twins for sale at Easter is Double Dare.

A set of twins came under the hammer in New Zealand last year, but bloodstock authorities say it is so long since they saw twins offered in Sydney they can't remember them.

The twins are in the catalogue for the second day of the Easter sales, April 9.

They are brown colts by Port Vista from Double Dare.

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THE BOYS IN THE WARD CALLED HIM "THE LEG"

All the boys in the ward affectionately called him "the leg"—affectionately because he was the happiest lad you could wish to meet and "the leg" because that leg of his dominated not only his actions, but the whole ward.

Not surprising really, because you see it was a rather special sort of a leg — or so we began to believe after he had been with us "off and on" for seven months.

My first meeting with Ray was in the middle of October, 1951. He had just come in from Korea with a gun-shot in the left knee. His condition was good and he was very bright. I sent off his letters and a personal signal to his family.

He very quickly adjusted himself to hospital routine — demanding to learn handicrafts the day after he arrived and keeping us all entertained with stories and jokes. "The leg" was the least of his worries.

By the beginning of November, the leg was out of plaster and he was progressing well. The hospital staff and Red Cross hospital visitors were regretting that they would soon lose one of their brightest patients.

By the end of the month, Ray had left the ward and it seemed quieter and duller for his going. All the boys had given him a rousing send-off and I had been commissioned to do some special shopping for them that day.

Well, that wasn't the last we were to hear of Ray. The first week in December the orderlies wheeled him back into the ward — compound fracture of the left leg as the result of an accident. The boys teased him unmercifully but Ray was very cheerful about the whole thing. Jokingly he told me that he had broken his leg so he could come back and finish off some of the handicrafts he had begun — one of his jobs was a large table runner which he was embroidering for the ward.

Christmas was a happy time with him in the ward. He kept us all amused with stories of Christmas at Home and at the front. He got me to get a cake made for him and invited all the boys along to the feast.

His leg was mending well, and by the New Year he was a regular visitor to the Red Cross Hut for afternoon tea. We toasted (in tea) his new nieces, when



Sick ex-serviceman being helped into Red Cross car by Transport Drivers.

news of their birth arrived on the 18th January and he showed me his family album.

An A.B.C. War Correspondent arrived at the hospital about that time and recorded messages from the boys for home. The Red Cross Hut hummed with excitement that afternoon and Ray was one of our star performers. I felt that I had heard so much of his family and seen so many pictures, I felt like sending them a message myself.

So I was rather sorry when Ray was finally discharged at the beginning of March and sent to the 6th Convalescent and Training Depot. All the girls at the Red Cross Hut felt that they were losing their best friend.

But, by the end of March, I was sending a message to Australia. My message said:

"We thought you might wish to let this boy's mother know that her son is in hospital again. It is very bad luck as he simply skidded on a step in his heavily nailed army boots. He was admitted yesterday and is now down in the theatre having his

leg set, it has broken again round the same area as before. He will probably be sent back to Australia shortly as it will mean a long hospitalisation. He is very bright and says that although everyone is coming up to see him and saying how sorry they are for him, they always burst out laughing afterwards."

Ray had done it again! And now you know why the ward christened him "The Leg," and how apt it was!

Well, Ray went back to Australia during May, and his merry smile was missed around the ward and the Red Cross Hut for many weeks after he had gone, but there are so many Rays up here — and so much for Red Cross to do for them that we are soon caught up in a new story of a new Ray.



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Their sire, Port Vista, a newly imported English stallion, has had marked success in his first two seasons with Gay Vista winner of four successive races, and with Port Moonta.

The twins were bred by Mr. Len Haley, studmaster of Te Koon, Wimbledon, New South Wales.

He says both are well developed youngsters of good conformation.

They will begin training in June, and will be racing in October.

BOXING

FORMER world heavyweight champion, Jim Jeffries, was buried recently near his home in Burbank, California, while another ring "great," Tom Sharkey, his closest friend and former opponent, lay near death in a San Francisco hospital.

Sharkey is too ill to be told of his friend's death at 77 a few weeks ago.

His memories of "Big Jim" Jeffries, one of the last of the old time prize fighters, would probably be the most vivid of any man alive.

Jeffries had comparatively little of that intangible quality which the sports world knows as colour.

But the attributes he did possess — a devastating punch and a powerful physique — made him a national hero.

Jeffries was one of the few heavyweight champions to retire undefeated, and his record would have remained untarnished had he not been forced by public demand to come out of his retirement to fight the Negro, Jack Johnson.

Jeffries reigned as heavyweight champion from 1899 until 1904.

Six years later he came back to be floored for the first time in his life by the crafty Johnson.

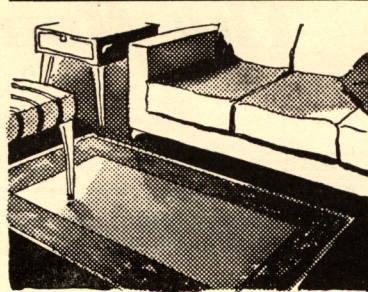
Tex Rickard, the promoter, said that Jeffries collected 101,000 dollars for the slaughter, but his entire ring earnings after expenses had been paid barely touched 200,000 dollars.

In 1923 Jeffries went into voluntary bankruptcy with assets of 130,000 dollars and liabilities of 192,000 dollars.

It took him many years to become solvent, swallowing his pride and touring with his friend, Tom Sharkey, as vaudeville fighters.

His vaudeville tour with Tom Sharkey was a minor success, but soon he went back to stock farming on what was left of his property after it had been subdivided to pay his debts.

Some of his bitterness was dissipated in his later years when he became deeply interested in the amateur fighters he trained in "Jeffries' Barn," an old stable near his home.



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The Romance of the Grey Horse

There is always a certain amount of romance — or call it sentiment, if you will—in the presence of a grey horse in any race of importance, and it may be of interest to review the greys which have been prominent in great races in times gone by.

IN the first place, it must be noted that every grey horse or mare of the present day can be traced back to either Alcock's Arabian or to the Brownlow Turk. The first of these was imported into England prior to 1750, was first owned by a Mr. Alcock, and ultimately came into the possession of the Duke of Lancaster. He was the first sire imported prior to 1750 to which a Derby winner could be traced in direct male descent—Aimwell, 1785. The well-known authority, J. B. Robertson, as-

cribes this transmission of grey as not being due to an actual inheritance of the colour grey, but to the inheritance of a factor inhibiting the production of colour in the hairs. He writes: "Without exception, every grey thoroughbred in the world has inherited the inhibitory factor from one or both of these sources through an unbroken line of grey ancestors."

The first grey racehorse was Gimcrack, described by Lady Sarah Bunbury (whose husband

subsequently owned him) as "the sweetest little horse that ever was." He was by Cripple, ex the Godolphin Arabian dam, Godolphin Blossom, by Crab, by Alcock's Arabian. His first race was at Epsom on May 31, 1764, when he won a £50 plate. For his owner, Mr. Green, he won six similar plates, and was then sold to Mr. Wildman, the purchaser of the unbeaten Eclipse, and for him he won one plate, and was passed on again to Lord Bolingbroke, who, after a time and several wins, sold him to Count Lauraguais, who took him to France to win a bet that no horse could travel 22½ miles in an hour. This he did, and returning to England went on winning several races until beaten at Newmarket, Wantage (by another grey) and at Odsey. In 1768 he was purchased by the Duke of Bunbury, and in that year and the one following won more races; and was then sold to Lord Grosvenor for £1,200, for whom he went on winning until he was retired to the stud at Eaton in 1771, having run in 35 races, 27 of which he won.

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He stood a little over 14 hands in height, and it was to perpetuate his fame that the Gimerack Club was founded in 1767.

The first English classic to be won by a grey was the St. Leger of 1778, which was taken by Sir Thomas Gascoigne's grey filly, Hollandaise, a daughter of Matchem — Virago, a grey; and in 1798 the same owner again took the race with Symmetry, who was by Delphini (son of Highflyer), dam Grey Countess, by Blank from a daughter of Rib (grey), who was by Crab. Between these two years, Crop, a grey, had run second to Young Eclipse for the 1781 Derby. Carlo Khan, by Mambrino (grey) was in a similar position for the 1784 Derby; and Grantham, another of Mambrino's stock, ran up to Aimwell, a direct descendant of Alcock's Arabian in the male line.

Once more back to the St. Leger, the race of 1794 was unique in history, as four of the eight starters were greys. These were Prior, Brilliant, Allegro, and a grey filly by Delphini, and they finished in the order named behind Beningborough. In 1802 Scotia, by Delphini, a grey, won the Oaks; and in the Derby of 1806, Hector was third to Paris; while in 1809, Lisette, by Hambletonian, was in a similar position behind Ashton for the St. Leger. In 1818 Raby (a grey) was second to Sam for the Derby, and another grey in The Marshal was third to Reveller for the St. Leger.

In 1821 Gustavus won the Derby for Mr. Hunter and started favourite at 2 to 1 in a field of 13. He was the first grey colt to win the classic, and had an interesting pedigree, as he was by Election from Lady Grey, and except in his grandsire's quarter of the pedigree, had grey ancestors in all of the other three

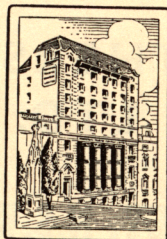
quarters. He traced back through Virago to the Alcock Arabian; through Grey Countess to the Alcock Arabian, and through the dam of Election to Skim, a grey son of the Bolton Grey Starling. In the following year, Professor, a son of Comus, dam a grey mare, ran third to Theodore for the St. Leger.

The next year of interest is 1829, in which the Two Thousand Guineas and Derby were won by Frederick. This horse, according to such an authority as Sir William Cooke, was a grey, but according to Edward Moorhouse in his book, "The Romance of the Derby," was a bay. Probably the cause of the mistake was because his pedigree was full of grey blood. He was by Little John, whose dam was Grey Skim, dam a daughter of Phantom, whose dam was a sister to Election, dam Skim, her dam a grey daughter of Herod. A head behind him in the Derby

was Exquisite, a grey son of Whalebone; while Alington, a grey colt by Gustavus, was also in the field.

In 1832 the Figaro filly ran third to Margrave for the St. Leger; and in 1838, Grey Momus, by Comus, was third for the Derby to Amato, after winning the Two Thousand Guineas from Bamboo, and afterwards won the Ascot Gold Cup, of which to date he is the only grey winner, though in 1924 the French-bred grey horse, Filibert de Savoie, ran his countryman Massine to a short head for this race. Grey Momus traces back to that great mare, Faith, a grey, by Pacolet, also a grey, who won the Doncaster Gold Cup as a four-year-old, beating Fortitude and others in 1783. The only other grey that has taken this race, the Doncaster Cup, was Chanticleer in 1848, and he was second the following year to Van Tromp

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for the Emperor of Russia's Plate at Ascot.

In 1856, Warlock, a roan son of Irish Birdcatcher, won the St. Leger and the Great Ebor Handicap; and from then until Grey Friar beat Silvio and Belphebe, no grey showed up prominently. This horse traced directly back to the Brownlow Turk, and his line is now almost extinct in England.

After Grey Friar there is another gap of years until in 1893 and 1894 Grey Leg, by Pepper and Salt (grey) from the chestnut mare Quetta, proved himself a really good handicap horse. In 1893 he won at Newmarket and at Goodwood, and in 1894 took the City and Suburban and the Portland Plate. This horse traced back to the Alcock Arabian, and his line is still being carried on in England.

The next grey was the unlucky French colt, Holocauste, who, starting second favourite to Flying Fox for the Derby of 1899—the last, by the way, to be started with a flag—fell just after passing Tottenham Corner and broke a fetlock. Ted Sloan, his rider, and others declared that but for this accident he would have emulated the feat of Gustavus and won a second Derby for the greys. He was by Le Sancy, the sire of Tagale (dam of Tagalie), Le Samaritan, and Nabot — all greys.

Next in order to be mentioned is Roi Herode, by Le Samaritan, who will go down to fame as the sire of The Tetrarch. This horse was unplaced to Caiomel for his first race at Paris on October 6, 1906, and as a three-year-old his best was two seconds — one when second to Querido for the Prix du President at Maisons-Lafitte, with horses like Elder and Beppo behind him; and the other when second to Anemone

II for the Prix Royale at Paris. In 1909 he was second to Amadis for the Doncaster Cup, with Dean Swift, Lagos, Dark Ronald, and others behind him, and then ran fourth for the Norbury Autumn Cup. His success on the racecourse was never equal to the success he attained at the stud, for in The Tetrarch he sired one of the speediest two-year-olds ever seen on English racecourses. Roi Herode was also the Sire of King John, winner of the Irish Derby in 1918, and Judea, winner of the Irish Oaks the same year.

In 1912 the performance of Gustavus was repeated -- in fact, eclipsed -- by the performance of that wonderful grey filly, Tagalie, as she not only won the Derby, but put the One Thousand Guineas also to her credit. Besides being the second grey to win the Derby, it must be noted that only four fillies had previously won it, and none since.

Tagalie can be traced directly to Virago, to which Gustavus traced his colour in the tail female line, and which goes back in turn to Alcock's Arabian. Tagalie is one of the many exceptions which go to disprove the Bruce Lowe Figure System, as on his theory she is a member of the No. 20 family, whereas her coat-colour is derived from families Nos. 4, 11, 23, 2, 7, and 9; and she has obtained her colour through 18 individuals back to Alcock's Arabian.

Whether The Tetrarch would have won the Derby must be left to conjecture, but that he was a phenomenal two-year-old there is no gain-saying, as he

was not only never beaten, but like St. Simon, was never extended. He won seven races to the value of £11,336, was the hottest autumn favourite (5 to 2) for the following year's Derby that has ever been known; and just when all looked plain sailing for a triple crown he struck himself when being prepared as a young three-year-old, and that ended his racing career. Steve Donoghue, who rode The Tetrarch in most of his races, was not so sure that the phenomenal grey would have won the Derby; in fact, in his book, "Just My Story," he stated that the "Spotted Wonder," as the colt was called, would not win, the undulating track at Epsom being entirely unsuited to his style of galloping. However, that is only Donoghue's opinion, while others equally confident to express an opinion were quite certain that he would have towered over the three-year-olds as he did over those of his age the previous season.

The Grey Line as Stayers

In the foregoing it will be noticed that there have been a few stayers with grey coats, but in a great majority of cases they have inherited their colours from the maternal side. Mahmoud, winner of the 1936 Derby, was by Blenheim, a brown (son of Blandford, a bay), from Mah Mahal, a grey daughter of Mumtaz Mahal, who was by The Tetrarch. As Blandford sired four Derby winners, and The Tetrarch none, it is difficult to understand why anyone can give the credit of Mahmoud's stamina to the maternal side of his pedigree. The Tetrarch is certainly

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THE GREY HORSE

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entitled to the coat-colour, seeing that Mahmoud was a grey, but not to the enduring qualities, which few of the colour possess to the same extent as the chestnuts, bays and browns. Gimcrack was a notable exception, but "one swallow does not make a summer." As brood mares, however, the daughters of grey horses have already made a name for themselves, and will continue to do so where speed is concerned. But as the dams of potential sires of any note, they are never likely to be of any great value.

In this country we have had some grey sires since The Tetrarch set the fashion for that colour. Chrysolaus was one of the first to be imported, and though he had phenomenal speed, and was given every chance when retired to the stud, he was a failure to this extent; none of his offspring was up to his standard.

Later on, Sarchedon, a well-

performed son of The Tetrarch, was afforded every opportunity at Kia-Ora Stud, Seone, to which property he was imported as a stallion. His first draft of yearlings were of such commanding appearance that they realised big prices at the sales, but very few of them did any good on the racecourse. Such a failure was Sarchedon that he did not last long at Kia-Ora. Other grey sires in Grey Monk and The Destroyer were imported here about the same time as Sarchedon, but like the other two just mentioned, they did nothing to advertise the coat-colour as the proper one for a sire-line. However, as brood mares the daughters of the grey horses have done well at the stud all over the world. It is difficult for anyone not a scientist to explain why the greys are better as dams than sires, but speaking generally, that is the experience where the racehorse is concerned. Of course it has to be admitted that there are far more representatives of other colours, but if Roi

Herode had been capable of producing more like The Tetrarch, or if the latter had been able to give the turf another like himself, there would have been such a rush for grey horses that the other colours would have been weeded out quickly.

OBITUARIES

O. S. COOK

Elected 29/5/1944

Died 21/1/1953

BERT COHEN

Elected 31/1/1950

Died 23/2/1953

H. F. KENT

Elected 28/11/1927

Died 23/2/1953

FRED. C. WILLIAMS

Elected 21/8/1912

Died 26/2/1953

P. G. MANTON

Elected 1/4/1912

Died 28/2/1953

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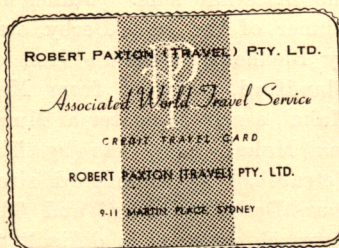
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Looking Back on Tattersall's Club



March, 1932

MARCH, 1932, in case you don't remember, saw the Grand Opening of the Bridge. What members thought of the celebrations, and of the politics and goings-on of the day, the "Magazine" does not record. But at least they had the pleasure of a special Meeting at Randwick to mark the event — the Harbour Bridge Opening Celebrations Meeting, Saturday, 19th March, 1932. That was one week before the usual Autumn Meeting.

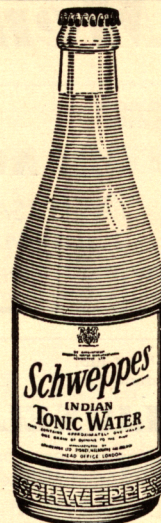
IN 1932 it was, of course, possible to buy yourself a race-horse for what would now be considered a "mere song" — although the offerings at Inglis' and Chisholm's yearling sales could be considered good by any year's standards. Inglis catalogue for Easter, 1932, included colts and fillies by Magpie, Brazen, Moabite, Rossendale, Heroic. New sires of that year included Caledon and Baralong, Fernkloof and Silvius. Chisholm offered a filly by Caravel from the Metropolitan winner, Jocelyn — she was a highly-advertised filly, and the writer, without looking up the record, wonders whether she came up to expectations.

THE magazine also had an article of pure speculation on prospects for the Easter Meeting of 1932. Veilmond and Chide were expected to fight out the Autumn Stakes. High Disdain, Villiers winner, was the pick for

the Doncaster, over the solid grey, Sir Christopher. For the Sydney Cup, the pick was Carry On or Loquacious; for the St. Leger on Easter Saturday, Ammon Ra, winner of the Futurity Stakes. And so on — names of horses, many of whom are long forgotten, just as the run-of-the-mill performers will be forgotten in twenty-one years on from now.

IN the Club there was much the usual activity. The golf club had an outing at Bonnie Doon, a four-ball best-ball, won by D. B. Loudon and Bill McDonald. In the swimming, John Dexter still held a lead from A. Richards. For the record, the secretaries of the various sections of the Club were E. D. Clark (Bowls); G. J. Watson (Golf); W. Dalley (Cards); and for the swimming, guess who?—John Dexter.

PERSONAL Notes of March, 1932: D. A. Winten, of Tattersall's, Brisbane, was down for a visit, and saw his horse, Rube Paddington, win at Canterbury and Randwick. Ted Henkel was away in America. John Wyatt, Isaac Staggs and P. Bourke were on the sick list. Ex-Chairman, Mr. James Barnes, and Dr. Le Fevre, were being congratulated on the fine win by their horse, Satmoth, in the Anniversary Handicap. There was a smoko arranged for Anzac Day. And so on.



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Australian Jockey Club Wed.	8
Australian Jockey Club Sat.	11
City Tattersall's Sat.	18
(At Randwick)		
Australian Jockey Club Sat.	25
(At Randwick)		

MAY

Sydney Turf Club	..... Sat.	2
(At Canterbury)		
Sydney Turf Club	..... Sat.	9
(At Canterbury)		
Australian Jockey Club	..... Sat.	16
(At Warwick Farm)		
Tattersall's Club	..... Sat.	23
(At Randwick)		
Australian Jockey Club	..... Sat.	30
(At Randwick)		

JUNE

Australian Jockey Club	..... Tues.	2
(At Randwick)		
Sydney Turf Club Sat.	6
(At Rosehill)		
Sydney Turf Club Sat.	13
(At Rosehill)		

JUNE—Continued

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(At Canterbury)		
Australian Jockey Club Sat.	27
(At Warwick Farm)		

JULY

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(At Warwick Farm)		
Sydney Turf Club Sat.	11
(At Canterbury)		
Sydney Turf Club Sat.	18
(At Canterbury)		
Sydney Turf Club	..... Sat.	25
(At Rosehill)		

AUGUST

Sydney Turf Club Sat.	1
(At Rosehill)		
Australian Jockey Club Mon.	3
(At Randwick)		
Sydney Turf Club Sat.	8
(At Randwick)		
Sydney Turf Club Sat.	15
(At Canterbury)		
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IRISH JUMPERS

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Coming up to the mid-1930's the Irish team was the outstanding show jumping team in the world, but it had powerful competition from the longer established schools — notably, the Germans, who were being encouraged by the growing Third Reich Government. The French, too, had a fine team.

The year 1939 brought a sudden stop to international show jumping, and the Irish teams, which had won more than 150 individual prizes since the School was opened, were disbanded. The horses were put out to grass, and the officers were posted to other army units.

It reopened in May, 1945, when the Presidential escort was reintroduced, and the remaining members of the team were recalled. The outstanding rider and horse of last year were Captain Colm O'Shea and Ballyneety. Captain O'Shea is a Dubliner, who joined the team in 1946 without any previous experience. Ballyneety was brought from Major O'Dwyer in 1949 and first competed in Lucerne with Captain Magee in 1950. In two years this ten-year-old has come quickly to the top, and won the King's Cup last year.

So far the present team has not had the spectacular successes of the pre-war teams, but they are coming up and herald a bright future for Irish show jumping.

SWIMMING

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January-February Point Score

This series resulted:—S. Murray and R. Harris, 26 points, 1; T. Barrell, 20, 3; W. Kirwan, 19, 4; W. Williams, 18, 5; P. Lindsay, 17, 6; G. Boulton, V. Richards and A. Stewart, 16, 7; A. McCamley, 15, 10; E. Bevan, C. Hoole and B. Chiene, 14, 11; H. E. Davis, 13½, 14; N. Barrell, P. Hill, S. Lorking and K. Francis, 13, 15.

February-March Point Score

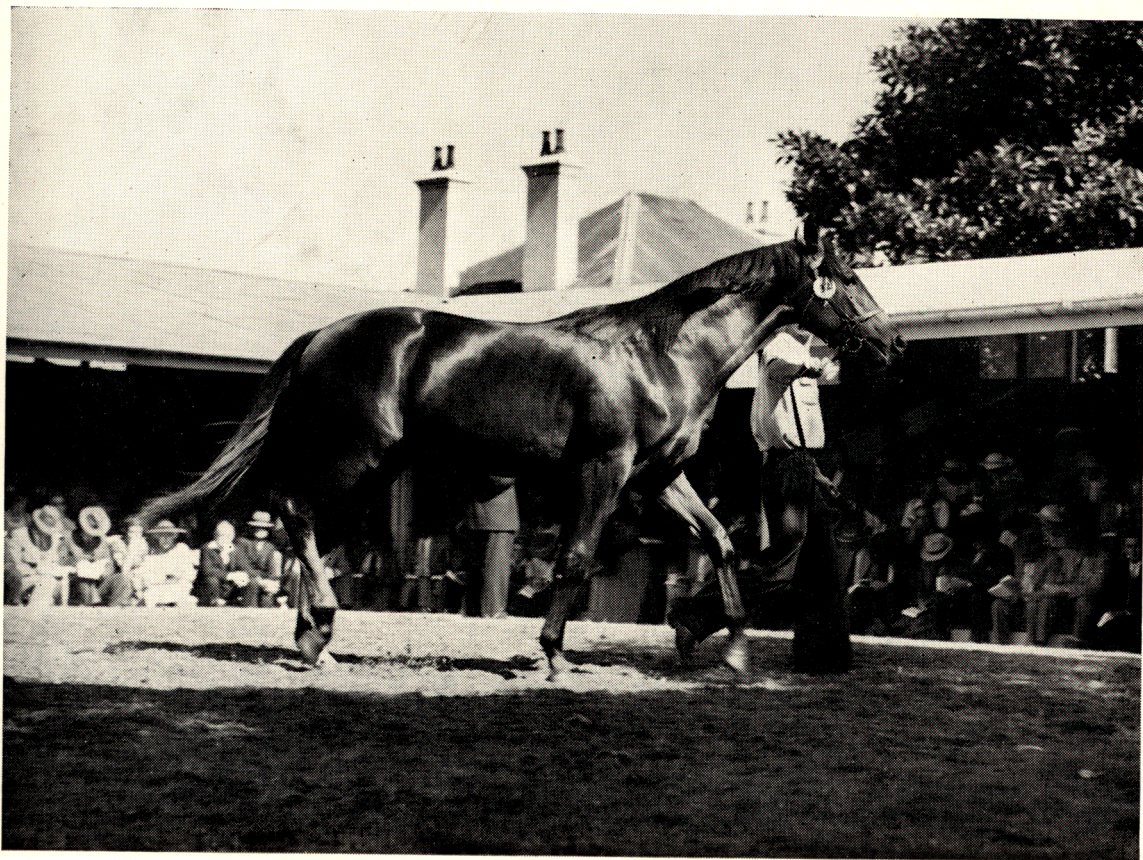
With two events to complete it, the leaders in this series were:—B. Chiene, 15½, F. Harvie, 12, J. Adams and C. Hoole, 11, W. Kirwan, 9, H. E. Davis, G. Boulton, S. Murray and A. McCamley, 8, G. Goldie and K. Francis, 7½, P. Lindsay, N. Barrell and J. O. Dexter, 7, J. Shaffran and S. Lorking, 6.

1952-1953 Point Score

At the end of February the leaders in this series for all points scored during the season were:—

S. Murray, 83, P. Lindsay, 82, W. Kirwan, 74, F. Harvie, 72, G. Boulton, 71½, T. Barrell, 70, B. Chiene, 67½, A. McCamley, 66, C. Hoole, 64½, W. B. Phillips and V. Richards, 62½, P. Hill, 61, G. Laforest, 60½, J. O. Dexter, 59½, N. Barrell, 58, K. Francis and H. E. Davis, 56, G. Goldie, 55½, J. Shaffran, 55, R. Harris, 51, G. McGilvray, 50½, K. Doyle, 49½, J. N. Creer and M. Fuller, 44, F. M. Wayland, J. Mills and C. Emanuel, 42, A. K. Webber, 40½.

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